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LOK SABHA

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TRACK MAINTENANCE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gangmen had found Cut in rail track at Anantapur and Mahabubnagar districts in South Central Railway recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether further sections of damaged track were found in Mudigubba village;

(d) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and

(e) The steps taken by the Government for track maintenance ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir. In Anantapur district, two cases of rail cut were reported in recent past. However, in Mahabubnagar district, no such incidents of rail cut have taken place.

(b) Case-1. On 6.2.03, keyman found at 13.30 hrs that rail head was cut upto 6mm deep between Chennikuntapalli- Mudigubba section (at Km.33/8-9).

Case-2. On 14.2.03, Divisional Engineer/Metre Gauge/Guntakal, alongwith other officials while on routine inspection found at 17.30 hrs. that rail head was cut upto 6mm deep between Chennikuntapalli-Mudigubba section (at Km. 32/10-11).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) FIR has been lodged with Local Police in both the above cases and cases are under investigation. No Railway staff has been found responsible.

(e) Following additional steps have been taken by Railway to ensure safety -

(i) Maximum train speed has been reduced during night time to 50 kmph in Gooty-Pendekallu (Broad Gauge) section, Kaluru-Jangarpalli(Metre Gauge) section and to 40 kmph. in Dharmavaram-Madanapale (Metre Gauge) section.

(ii) Security patrolling is in force between Gooty-Pendekallu (Broad Gauge) section, Kaluru-Jangarpalli (Metre Gauge) section and Dharmavaram-Mudigubba (Metre Gauge) section during night time.

(iii) Stationary watchmen have been posted during the night time on 7 major girder bridges on Dharmavaram-Pakala (Metre Gauge) section. A speed restriction of 20 kmph has been imposed at 7 major bridges between Dharmavaram-Pakala (Metre Gauge) section during day and night.